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IN VACATION.

Rural Diplomacy.—"Judgin' from the price ye charged me, neighbor, ye put 3 gallon uv m'lasses in a 2-gallon jug. Naow I ain't b'grudgin' the money, but I don't cal-late ter hev the jug stretched."

Modesty Reproved.—A lady of great beauty was called as a witness in a trial for murder before Lord Eskgrove, and wore a veil when she took the witness stand, which seemed to irritate the judge. Before administering the oath he said to her, "Young woman! You will now consider yourself as in the presence of Almighty God and of this High Court. Lift up your veil, throw off all modesty and look me in the face."—Case and Comment.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

The Lawyers Reports Annotated—1916B. Burdette A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham and George A. Parmelee, Editors, assisted by the Publishers Editorial Staff. Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. 1916. Price \$5.00.

As usual this volume need only to be examined to demonstrate its value. The first note on page 18, "Parol Evidence that a Written Instrument, Which on Its Face Expresses a Complete Transfer of a Legal Equitable Estate or Interest in Property, Was Intended to Operate as a Mortgage or Pledge," is a valuable treatise upon this subject and covers nearly six hundred pages. The entire law will be found thoroughly and carefully treated. "Adverse Possession of a Railroad Right of Way," on page 657 is also a useful note. On page 675 there is also a note of much interest and value on the question of the "Provisions of Bills and Notes for Attorneys' Fees as Affecting Negotiability." The note on page 1033, "Public Improvement; Effect of Intervention of Narrow Strip Owned by Third Person between the Street and Property Sought to be Assessed," is upon a question decidedly novel, as is also the note on page 1293 as to "Who is a Peddler."

The Law of Promoters—By Manfred W. Ehrich, of the New York Bar, A Treatise on the Law of Promoters and the Promotion of Corporations, covering not only the Rights and Liabilities of Promoters, but also the Rights and Liabilities of the Corporation, the subscribers for and purchasers of its shares of Stock, the Vendors selling to the Corporation and other Persons so far as such Rights and Liabilities are affected by the Acts, representations or omissions of the Promoters. Matthew Bender & Co. Albany, New York. 1916. Price \$6.00.

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